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SUBJECT:TEXTILES

- 1. INTERAGENCY GROUP MET JULY 10 TO DISCUSS INDIA TEXTILE PROBLEM AND DECIDED TO:
- -- (A) ACCEPT INDIA'S REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SEPT 5-8 IS EARLIEST FEASIBLE DATE, AND
- -- (B) ALLOW ENTRY INTO US OF GROUP II APPAREL ITEMS EXPORTED FROM INDIA ON OR BEFORE JULY 7; PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION DURING CONSULTATIONS, ANY ENTRIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN EXCESS OF GROUP II LEVEL WOULD BE CHARGED TO 1979.

2. EFFECT OF ABOVE WOULD BE TO LIFT EMBARGO FOR VIRTUALLY ALL GROUP II ITEMS NOW IN US OR IN THE EXPORT PIPELINE. AT SAME TIME IT WOULD PRESERVE SIGNIFICANT LEVERAGE WHICH MIGHT HELP OBTAIN DESIRABLE CHANGES IN AGREEMENT.

3. SHOULD SUBJECT ARISE, REQUEST YOU ENCOURAGE GOI TO ACCEPT THIS PROCEDURE OR OUR PREVIOUS PROPOSAL WHICH IS STILL ON THE TABLE.

FYI--GOI MAY HESITATE TO ACCEPT TENTATIVE CHARGE OF 'EXCESS" ENTRIES TO 1979. YOU MAY WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THIS MAY BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY IN COURSE OF CONSULTATIONS. GIVEN STRONG FEELINGS IN THREE OF THE FIVE CONCERNED AGENCIES, THE ALTERNATIVE APPEARS TO BE INDEFINITE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO.

4. INTERAGENCY MEETING REFERRED TO ABOVE, AND RESULTING U.S. PROPOSAL DESCRIBED ABOVE, WERE IN RESPONSE TO JULY 7 LETTERS FROM INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO STRAUSS AND KREPS, AND A JULY 10 NOTE FROM INDIAN EMBASSY TO DEPARTMENT, REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS AND ASKING FOR AN AD HOC SOLUTION TO EMBARGO PROBLEM. LETTERS AND NOTE DID NOT EXPLICITLY REJECT INITIAL U.S. PROPOSAL, BUT REJECTION WAS THE IMPLICATION. TEXTS WILL BE SENT SEPTEL. VANCE

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